

SYMPHYSIA FROM PANAMA

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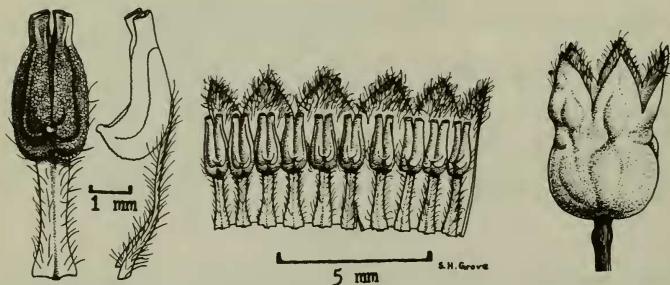
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Dr. William T. Stearn has just reviewed "The generic name Hornemannia and its diverse applications."* The use of the name Hornemannia Vahl (non Willdenow) for a member of the Ericaceae is shown to be invalid and that the name Symphysia Presl (1837) must be taken up even though it is an unfortunate name based on an error of observation.

In addition to the much described Symphysia racemosa (Vahl) Stearn, which is quite widely distributed through the Caribbean and was the only species known to Dr. Stearn, there is another quite distinctive species from Panama which I described several years ago. The combination to Symphysia follows:

SYMPHYSIA FLOCCOSA (L. Wms.) L. Wms. comb. nov.

Hornemannia floccosa L. Wms. in Brittonia 18: 248, fig. 1966.



Symphysis floccosa. Anthers in front and outlined side views; corolla opened out to show anthers and floccose pubescence; the calyx in natural position. Scales in mm.

*Taxon 21: 105-111. 1972.